(b) what is State-wise number of Navodaya Schools started till date;

(c) what are the special features of these schools; and

(d) what is the mode of admission of students to these schools?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir. Some Navodaya Vidyalayas have been started in 1985-86 and 86-87.

(b) The number of Navodaya Vidyala yas opened so far State-wise is given in the enclosed statement: *{See* below)

(c) and (d) Special features of Navo daya Vidyalayas and the mode of admis sion to schools are detailed in the An nexure. *[See* Appendix CXLI, Annexure No. 77].

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Sl. No.	Name of State/UT	No. of Navodaya Vidyalayas *opened up to* 11-3-1987
1.	Andhra Pradesh	4
2.	Bihar	7
3.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	1
4.	Goa, Daman and Diu	1
5.	Gujarat	2
6.	Haryana	2
7.	Himachal Pradesh	4
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	7
9.	Karnataka	6
10.	Kerala	4
11.	Madhya Pradesh	7
12.	Maharashtra	6
13.	Meghalaya	1
14.	Orissa	5
15.	Pondicherry	2
16.	Punjab	2
17.	Rajasthan	5
18.	Uttar Pradesh	10
	TOTAL :	76

Indo-Soviet Co-operation in Scientific and Technical Fields on Health

1836. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM; SHRI KALPNATH RAI: SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO.

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased, to state;

(a) whether India and Soviet Union aas signed any memorandum to further expand cooperation in scientific and technical fields in health; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHA-PARDE): (a) and, (b) There is an INDO-USSR agreement of cooperation in the fields of Medical sciences and public-health. During the visit of USSR health minister to India in December, 1986 a memorandum was signed to further expand this cooperation. The new areas included in the memorandum for developing further cooperation *inter-alia* include space and aviation medicine, naval medicine, traditional systems of medicine, transplant surgery and community care medical biotechnology and. control of diabetes melitus.

Byepass near Indore on 'Agra-Bombay' National Highway

1837. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANS PORT be pleased to state;

(a) when the byepass road near Indore on 'Agra-Bombay' National Highway is likely to be constructed; and

'(b) what is the estimated cost involved therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY' OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) An estimate amounting to Rs. 2. 45 crores for land acquisition is under process in this Ministry. The project can start only after the land for the entire

length is available. It is therefore, not possible to indicate the date of completion at this point of time.

(b) As per indications received from the State PWD, the preliminary cost of the project is Rs. 30. 00 crores.

Conversion of Rajpup-Bajlm, Jabal-pur-Gondia, Ajmer-Khandwa andGwalior Shivpuri Line to BG.

1838. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI; Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government propose to convert the Raipur to Rajim, Jabolpur to Gondia, Ajmer to Khandwa and Gwalior to Shivpuri metre/narrow gauge rail lines to B. G.; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) At present, there is no proposal for conversion of Rajpur-Rajim, Jabalpur, Gondia and Ajmer-Khandwa N. G. /M. G. lines into B. G.

Gwalior-Shivpuri N. G. line was removed some years back. Provision of B. G. line in this section forms part of approved Guna-Shivpuri-Gwalior-Etawah BG line project in progress.

New Railway Zone

1839. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:. Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have taken any decision regarding the creation of a new flOth) zone in the railways; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA); (a) and (b) In view of severe constraint of resources it is not proposed to create any additional Railway Zones at present.

Misuse of medicines in the Central Government's Hospitals

1840'. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that approximately 180 medicines in the hospitals run by the Central Government are issued only on the prescription slip counter-sigsed by the senior doctors to check their misuse;

(b) if so, whether this has resulted in any perceptible decrease in their misuse; and

(c) whether any curtailment in the number of such medicines is under the consideration of the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE); (a) Only those medicines that ^are expensive and require careful use, are issued to the patients on the special-slips countersigned by the senior doctors.

(b) Yes.

(c) There is constant review of the policy from time to time to add or to delete the list of drugs which require special slips.

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STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Correcting the reply given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th February, 1987, to Starred Question 27, regarding Development of Airports by the 1. A.. A. I.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER); Sir, in the written reply given to parts (a) and (b) of the Starred Question No. 27 answered in the Rajya Sabha on the- 25th February, 1987, the words and figures "Rs. 56. 40 crores" may please be read as "Rs. 48. 1 crores".

Sir, the above error in the, reply was due to an oversight which is regretted. [Placed in Library. *See* No; LT-3912-A| 87].